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NEW ABSTRACT

A device, record carrier and method for recording information on a track of the record carrier are provided where the record carrier contains a disc information area with information about the record carrier, such as for example a write strategy for that record carrier. The device has disc a reader for reading the disc information area. The disc information area further contains extended information blocks. The extended information blocks have a block version number and additional parameters. The block version number defines how the additional parameters are to be interpreted. Backwards compatibility is realized where drives which are able to interpret the additional parameters of an extended information block may choose to use the additional parameters in that block. Older drives use other blocks or fall back to the first basic part of the disc information area.